



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
Senate Bill 290: An Act Concerning the Publication of State Agency
Regulations on the Internet

Government Administration and Elections Committee
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The MetroHartford Alliance is Hartford's Chamber of Commerce and the region's economic development leader. Our investors include businesses of all sizes, health care providers, institutions of higher education, and 34 municipalities. The Alliance's mission is to ensure that the Hartford Region competes aggressively and successfully for jobs, talent and capital so that it thrives as one of the country's premier places for all people to live, work, play, and raise a family.

In the spirit of transparency in government, we strongly support Senate Bill 290, *An Act Concerning the Publication of State Agency Regulations on the Internet*. As we continue to navigate the ongoing recession, it is vital that we promote ways to facilitate the methods of understanding and complying with Connecticut's regulatory environment. Anything we can do to make our state more attractive to potential employers, particularly by making government more transparent and predictable, is critical to our economic growth and the attraction of new jobs.

Additionally, some agencies employ a habit of producing "guidance statements" or "policy statements" following the promulgation of new regulations. These statements outline the agency's direction in implementing those regulations. We suggest that the Committee consider requiring agencies to also publish these statements on line, as they are not posted in the *Law Journal* and are not readily available to our investors who must comply with them. In order to ensure timely understanding of these changes, on-line publishing would be extremely helpful.

Thank you for your consideration and support of Senate Bill 290.